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- Halahei airfield is about two kilometers south of Halahei Station (121-43, 46-12) on the Paichengtzu (122-52, 45-37)-Aerhshan (Arshan 119-59, 47-13) Railroad, about one-third of the way from Wangyehmiao (122-01, 46-05) to Aerhehan. The airfield can be seen from the railroad.
- 2. The airfield is about 2,000 meters east-west by 1,000 meters north-south. The field surface is hard and flat, with a pebbly soil covered by grass about six inches high. About twenty inches below the surface of the field is a bed of stones, formed by a river that formerly flowed through the area, which prevents the airfield from becoming muddy in wet weather.
- 3. On the south side of the airfield there are nine hangars built into the side of a mountain. Each hangar is air-raid proof and can accommodate fifteen fighter planes.
- The airfield was constructed during World War II and it was expected to be completed in 1945. One paved runway was under construction at the time of the Japanese surrender.
- The airfield is used as a base for fighter planes which escort bombers from Pingtei\* and Pinganchen\*\* to the Mongolian People's Republic. It was also one of the defense bases against air attacks from the Mongolian People's Republic.

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Pingtai Station, fifteen kilometers northwest of Pichengtzu.

Pinganchen Station, approximately twenty-five kilometers northwest of Paichengtzu.

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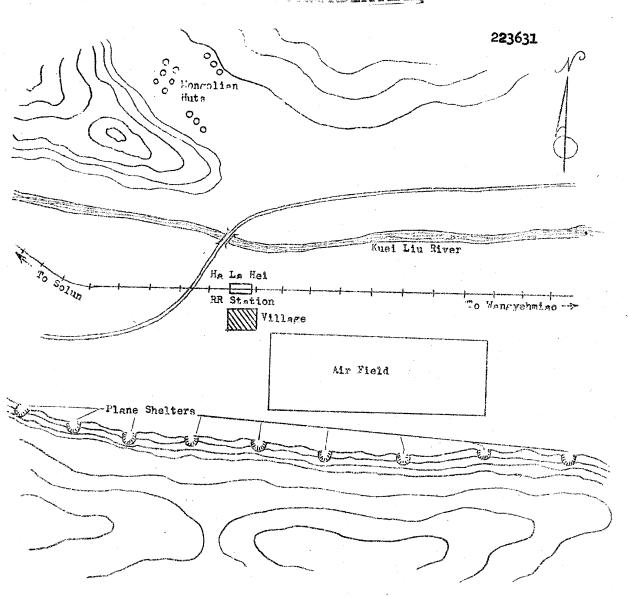
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